St. John the Evangelist Greece

August 3, 2025

2400 West Ridge Road Rochester, New York 14626

In the Footsteps of St John

A journey of exploration and reflection upon the treasure who is the patron of our parish church, St John the Evangelist.



"But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?' Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God." - Lk 12:20-21 Your Input will Shape Our Grief Journey.....5

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday Evening: 4:00 PM Sunday: 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Holy Days: As announced in bulletin

Weekdays: Monday-Wednesday & Friday 8:15 AM

CONFESSIONS By Appointment.

Please contact the Parish Office 225-8980.

BAPTISMS For parishioners requesting Baptism for their child, we encourage you to please contact the Parish Office at (585) 225-8980 before the birth of your child to prepare for the Sacrament of Baptism.

MARRIAGE Arrangements for the Sacrament of Marriage must be made at least SIX MONTHS in advance. Call the Parish Office at 225-8980.

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DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/ Ps 106:19-23/ Mt 13:31-35	Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/ Ps 103:6-13/ Jn 11:19-27	Ex 34:29-35/ Ps 99:5-7, 9/ Mt 13:44-46	Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/ Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11/ Mt 13:47-53	Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/ Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab/ Mt 13:54-58	Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/	Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/ Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17/ Col 3:1-5, 9-11/ Lk 12:13-21

Welcome!

If you are new in the parish, we invite you to become a member of our faith community where we come together to worship the Lord and celebrate the Eucharist. We want to get to know you and recognize there are some challenges in doing so during Covid-19, however, if you can introduce yourself after Mass, we will be grateful. Please know that your prayers, your presence, and support of our beloved St. John's Church are appreciated. Please call or e-mail the Parish Office for registration assistance. You will find contact information on the front cover of the bulletin.

One's Life Does Not Consist of Possessions

When I think of my days as a teacher in a minor seminary in Ghana, I am struck by how often students who are now priests themselves thanked me for the words I said—words I

didn't even remember. Often times, it was not the grand, meticulous lesson that impressed them, but some simple phrase that I said in passing, like a tiny seed planted in their mind that flourished.

As I think about them and our faithful in the Diocese who live individually in various parishes, I think about life's graces. The family that gave birth to them, the teachers that taught them and the parish they grew in. All have had a great impact on them. I am inclined to think that most of life's true graces are small—small words we live by, small kindnesses we savor, small accomplishments we treasure, and small bits of hope or light or truth that see us through the big challenges of life.

We are called to be followers of Jesus by the virtue of our baptism. Our faith calls for the nurturing of that love in the family that we have been planted. Our parents are our first teachers in ways of the faith, and they are to help to the best of their ability, to bring us up in the church tradition. To be a Christian and not be generous is a contradiction. To be a Christian and not go out of our way to help others, makes no sense. To be Christian and fight with other people over worldly possessions or because we feel wronged is

AS EACH ONE HAS RECEIVED A GIFT, USE IT TO SERVE ONE ANOTHER AS GOOD STEWARDS OF GOD'S VARIED GRACE.

hypocritical. Jesus taught humility, simplicity, good will, peace, and self-sacrifice. It is not only the religious or the ordained who are called to serve. It is not that child in the family who is called to ministry or service in the Church. Jesus

intends for all of us to make the world a better place by our faithfulness to God and how He (Jesus) taught us to love one another.

The following poem by an unknown author reminds us that what we need isn't what we want:

I asked for Strength and God gave me Difficulties to make me strong. I asked for Wisdom and God gave me Problems to solve.

I asked for prosperity and God gave me a Brain and Brawn to work.

I asked for Courage and God gave me Danger to overcome.

I asked for Love and God gave me Troubled People to help.

I asked for Favor and God gave me Opportunities.

I got nothing I wanted but I received everything I needed. God's endless love and care.

Let us be mindful of all those who have provided us with a paternal love and care, and ask the

Good Lord to bless them all.
Blessings and peace to us all.
Father Peter



Masses for the Week—August 4—10

MONDAY, August 4 St John Vianney 8:15 AM + Evelyn L. Fogarty Wiesner by her 7 Children

TUES, Aug 5 Dedication of Basilica of St Mary Major 8:15 AM + James D. Parkman
by Paul & Audrey Parkman

WEDNESDAY, August 6 *Transfiguration of the Lord* **8:15 AM** + *Bruce Katz*

by Wife, Marianne

THURSDAY, August 7 Sts Sixtus II & Cajetan

FRIDAY, August 8 St Dominic 8:15 AM + Marietta Richards by Jim & Cindi Grotke

SATURDAY, August 9 St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross **4:00 PM** + Ernest Nardone by Daughter

SUNDAY, August 10 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00 AM + Jim Wenskus by Judy, Tim, & Ted

10:00 AM Living Members of St John's

Wills/Bequests/Memorials—
Please Remember St. John the Evangelist Parish

Please keep the following ordained in your prayers this week.

Aug 3	Aug 4	Aug 5	Aug 6	Aug 7	Aug 8	Aug 9
Pope	Stephen	Robert	Roy	All	Steven	Robert
Leo XIV	Karani	Kennedy	Kiggins	Deacons	Kraus	Kreckel

This Week's Schedule

Monday, August 4

9:00 AM Bible Study in Parish Center

Thursday, August 7

4:30 PM Cursillo in Meeting Room

Saturday, August 9

4:00 PM Annual Mission Appeal in Church

Sunday, August 10

8:00 AM Annual Mission Appeal in Church **10:00 AM** Annual Mission Appeal in Church

Please Pray for Fr Peter and All Priests

O Jesus, our great High Priest, hear our humble prayers on behalf of your priests, especially Fr. Peter. Give them a deep faith, a bright and firm hope and a burning love that will ever increase in the course of their priestly life.

In their loneliness, comfort them in their sorrows, strengthen them in their frustrations, point out to them that it is through suffering that the soul is purified, and show them that they are needed by the Church, they are needed by souls, and they are needed for the work of redemption.

O loving Mother Mary, Mother of Priests, take to your heart your sons who are close to you because of their priestly ordination and because of the power that they have received to carry on the work of Christ in a world that needs them so much. Be their comfort, be their joy, be their strength, and especially help them to live and to defend the ideals of consecrated celibacy. Amen

Annual Mission Appeal NEXT Weekend August 9/10

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF NAKURU—Your Generous Support is Appreciated

NEXT weekend, August 9/10 is our annual Mission Appeal Weekend here at St. John's and we look forward to welcoming Fr. Augustine Kipkemei from the Catholic Diocese of Nakuru in Kenya, East Africa. To provide a little background, the following information was shared with Fr. Peter by Rev. Evans Kulei, Director, Catholic Diocese of Nakuru.

Catholic Diocese of Nakuru is in Kenya-East Africa. The diocese is composed of two counties; Nakuru and Baringo. They experience perennial droughts causing starvation and insecurity caused by banditry. Some sections experienced terrible flash floods last year which brought loss of lives, both human and animals, loss of property and of course, displacement of the people.

The Diocese of Nakuru's primary goal is the propagation of the faith. We cannot ignore social challenges as we do that. Some of the projects are:

- 1. Providing food for the starving community, as well as providing water for drinking and for other domestic use.
- 2. Help the displaced people with the basics and also seeing that they are finally settled.

We wish to share our mission experience with your parishioners of St John the Evangelist, Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester, in order to nourish them spiritually, to make them aware of our achievements and the challenges we experience in doing our mission work. We also seek their financial support, so that we can do what I have enlisted above.



Knights of Columbus Chicken Barbecue

Sunday, August 17 from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM

Knights of Columbus Council 3892 will host a chicken barbecue in the

St. John's church parking lot – 2400 W. Ridge Rd. This will be drive-thru only event. We will be taking pre-orders which are highly encouraged to insure you get a meal. To place your order, call or text Rick Paoletti at (585) 489-9555 and leave your name and the number of meals you wish to reserve. The last day to pre-order is Saturday, August 16. People who pre-order are asked to pick up their meal by 5:00 PM the day of the barbecue. The cost is \$13, and the meal includes:

- Half a chicken
 - Baked beans
- Macaroni salad Corn bread

Come and get a great meal for a great price!



Back to School Collection Sunday, August 17 through Sunday, August 31

It's that time of year again when many begin their preparation for their children returning to school and we know part of this preparation is gathering school supplies. This can be a challenge for many families, especially those with multiple children and in light of the higher cost for everything. We all want our children to be well-equipped with the supplies necessary so they can start off on the right foot as they begin a new school year; so we turn to you, our parishioners, who have so generously supported this collection in the past. The supplies we collect will be distributed to Mrs. Rhonda Neal, Principal of Nazareth Elementary School, for the benefit of the children of Nazareth Elementary.

You will find the collection bins for the supplies in the narthex of church by the center doors and the two far end doors between Sunday, August 17 and August 31.We thank you in advance for the support of this annual project.





By now, most have seen the sign or have seen some advertisement about the family-owned department store, Boscov's, coming this Fall to The Mall at Greece Ridge Center. This is an exciting time to have a new department store come to our area, especially a department store that has a Candy Department and so much more!

It seems a fair amount of people have heard of Boscov's but for those who have not, they are a family owned business dating back to 1914. The company is now led by Jim Boscov as chairman and he continues the legacy of his uncle Albert and founder Solomon Boscov. The company continues to focus on customer service, creative promotions, and community engagement. You can find out more about this department store by visiting their website www.boscovs.com Speaking of community engagement, this leads us to share with you a recent luncheon Jim Boscov hosted for various non -profit organizations throughout the community, including St. John's, to outline their upcoming *Grand Opening Charity* Day – Shop for a Cause. Boscov's has provided us with Shopping Passes to help our church raise money. With your \$5 donation you receive a Shopping Pass that gets you exclusive, early access to the new Boscov's store where you'll be the first to shop, get their discounted grand-opening prices, a free gift, register to win prizes, free refreshments and entertainment. Please note that 100% of your \$5 donation remains here at St. John's; Boscov's does not receive any portion of it. When Boscov's says they are engaged in their store's community, this is one example and we are happy to be on the receiving end.

Boscov's *Grand Opening Charity Day* event will take place on **Thursday, October 30 from 10 AM – 10 PM** (2 days prior to their Grand Opening to the Public on November 1). They are located at the site at the Mall previously occupied by Burlington. We have been told that **each person** wishing to enter the store on this day **will require one of the Shopping Passes** so please plan accordingly and know you can receive the passes here through St. John's – your \$5 donation affords you one Shopping Pass and yes, your donation remains here at our beloved St. John's. Get them for family and friends too!

The Shopping Passes are available now with each \$5 donation (payable by cash or check to St. John's Church with "Pass" written in the memo section). You can do so THIS weekend, August 2/3 in the Narthex after each Mass. Donation/Shopping Passes are also available at the Parish Office during office hours.

For any questions, please call the Parish Office at 585-225-8980.

Don't Grieve Alone

Coping with Grief & Loss - Next Steps here at St. John's

LUNCHEON: in Parish Center Wednesday, August 13 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

PURPOSE: Talk about Grief and Loss and how we can support each other in our parish.

REGISTRATION: Sign-up in the back of the church so we can get a count.

Your input will shape the future of our Journey Through Grief.

Prior to the Covid-19 pandemic there was a very active SJE program, known as the "Circle of Hope" meeting to support each other through socialization. During this time, Rose DiBella led a very effective program. I have spoken with Rose and with Fr. Peter and we would like to see something like this get back to the energy level it once had. Recently at SJE, we have held two sessions lasting about 5-6 weeks in our parish and have had 4-6 people at each session to share in their experience with grief. This is a great start, and I know this ministry has much promise as I reflect on the needs of the parish.

Grief can feel very isolating. We really need to stay connected with loved ones and lean on our support network. That can include a mental health professional who can help you process your grief, or a support group for people experiencing loss. Expressing our feelings with people who are supportive of us can be cathartic.

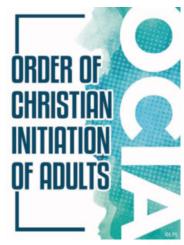
Reaching acceptance is an important part of coping with grief and loss in a healthy way. Acceptance doesn't always mean happiness—for some, it can mean seeing tragedy as an opportunity to create meaning in their lives or find a renewed sense of purpose. Acceptance can also help us honor and celebrate who or what we've lost, and help us find a new path forward.

The next steps I would like to have us take together is to build a greater support network. So, let's get together and discuss what you want to see in your parish for your health and well-being.

Thank you, Deacon Lon







Please Join Us for Our Parish Information Night for OCIA—Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Coming this Fall, 2025, St. John's will offer our parish OCIA Program led by Rick and Kathy Paoletti, supported by our pastor, Fr. Peter. What is OCIA you may ask? OCIA is a spiritual journey in which one discerns his/her desire to become a baptized and fully initiated member of the

Catholic Church. OCIA is also a process for those who are already baptized Christians who are seeking to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist. Thirdly, OCIA is an opportunity for Catholics who are already fully initiated (Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation) in the Catholic Church who desire a deeper understanding of Catholic teachings.

By taking part in the OCIA program, one is not obligated to fulfill what the program's intended purpose is, however, it is our prayerful desire this will come to fruition. Therefore, we encourage you to come and gather more information and have your questions answered at our parish *Information Night for OCIA* taking place in our Parish Center on Tuesday, August 19, 2025, at 6:00 PM. For planning purposes, please register on or before Wednesday, August 13 by calling the Parish Office at 585-225-8980 or via e-mail to: gstjohnt@dor.org. We look forward to hearing from you, your family members, or friends! God bless.



Sr. Constance Mary Clarke, SSJ Former Teacher at St. John's School



This Week's Sanctuary Candles burn for

- Tabernacle I Deacon Bob
- Tabernacle II Thomas Burke
- TMarian I Shirley Hayden-Pinaire
- Marian II Deceased Members of Monday Morning Bible Study

BLESSINGS OF FINANCIAL



July 26/27 Week 4	ATTENDANCI	E431
BUDGETED Sunday Offering	\$	9,950.00
SUNDAY Offering	\$	7,550.16
ONLINE Giving	\$	1,743.00
TOTAL Sunday Offering	\$	9,293.16
SHORTAGE for SUNDAY OF	FERING(\$	656.84)

Fiscal Year 2025-26 as July 27, 2025

YEARLY BUDGET\$	517,500.00
BUDGETED TO-DATE\$	39,800.00
ACTUAL COLLECTED\$	47,367.64
OVERAGE TO DATE\$	7,567.64

As we are underway in our new Fiscal Year, I am encouraged by the early financial report and I am deeply appreciative for the generosity your sacrificial giving offers for the well-being of our parish.

Fr Peter

Online Giving

You can make your weekly, monthly, annual and one-time donations from your checking or savings account, or by using a credit or debit card, electronically, from your own computer. It is easy, safe and secure! A link to Online Giving can be found at our Parish Home Page www.stjohngreece.org.



Don't hesitate to contact the Parish Office, 225-8980 for details or assistance with Online Giving.



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME







Be Aware of Scams

We strongly encourage you to be very mindful of text messages and/or e-mails that

claim to be from Fr. Peter. Fr. Peter does not randomly send e-mails and/or text messages to parishioners asking for help.

If at any time you are uncertain/skeptical of a communication you receive, DO NOT respond to it and DO NOT click on any link it asks you to connect with until you have determined it is indeed legitimate. Again, most times they are not. If you receive an e-mail claiming to be from Fr. Peter, please check the e-mail address it is coming from and that will be your best defense. If you are unsure, please contact the Parish Office to check on it further. Nowadays these e-mails and text scams look very official when, in fact, they are not, so please take time to look them over carefully.





Senior Home Communion Service Ministers August 2025

HAMILTON NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

August 3, 2025 Ron LaForce

August 17, 2025 Steve & Mary Ann Donato

August 31, 2025 Ron LaForce

THE VILLAGE AT UNITY

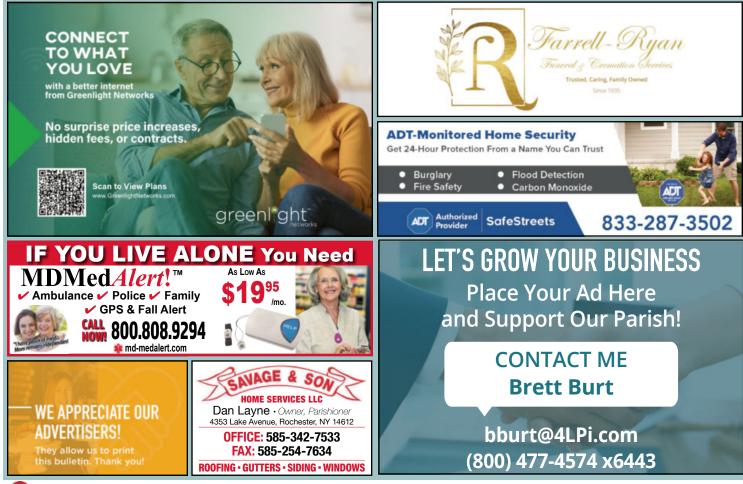
August 3, 2025 Bob & Barb Gotham

August 10, 2025 Tom Grieco August 17, 2025 Tom Grieco

August 24, 2025 Bob & Barb Gotham August 31, 2025 NO Communion Service

ELDERWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

August 3, 2025
August 10, 2025
August 17, 2025
August 24, 2025
August 31, 2025
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Terry & Pam Hearne
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Carolyn Kerhaert



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